

A Unique Theosophical Worldview: The Case for The Masters

Belief in the Masters is not a dogma within the Society, but HPB and the early authorities of the TS clearly believed in their role in the Great Work of spiritual and physical evolution, and offered the TS as a doorway to greater knowledge of Them and ourselves. At the same time, the world-view of some Theosophists doesn't include Them. Regardless of your view of the Masters, this program promises to be both informative and intellectually challenging. We seek attendees who want to avoid cliché-driven programs, and are actually willing to stretch their world-view to better understand why the Masters are necessary in HPB's Theosophy.

Friday Night

1. **We Are Not Alone: Other Masters, Other Teachings.** HPB introduced the concept of the Masters into the Western World, where it was taken up by other teachers, and the New Age Movement, for good or for bad. A brief examination of views of the Masters as held by six other "authorities".

Saturday Morning

2. **HPB's Hierarchy: We need to update our "worldview" to a "universe-view".** Modern Science has demonstrated existence of countless universes in the incomprehensible vastness of space, but most people never consider the implications of the expanded universe because they have a three thousand year old worldview. We take a look at a map of the universe, and see how it confirms essential parts of the Theosophical world view, and helps us to understand the role of God and "the gods."

3. **The "Great Work" of the Masters and Devas and Theosophical Worldview.** This is a brief discussion of the "Great Work" of the Hierarchy that the Masters and Devas perform in the Theosophical Worldview, including a discussion of concepts such as "free will", "karma" and "Guardian Angels", and perhaps even of a Personal God.

Saturday Afternoon:

4. **The Masters at Work:** "The Adjustment Bureau". I have recently found an important new movie, starring Matt Damon that I believe is a worthwhile illustration of the Great Work, and a springboard for discussion of the concepts of the Masters and how they work.

5. **The Opposers:** Theosophy also speaks of another Hierarchy, which can be called by a variety of names, such as “the forces of materiality”, “Evil Magicians”, or the Lords of the Dark Face. They play their own role in evolution, and may be considered the “the Loyal Opposition.” This can include time for discussion of “The Dark Masters” with information regarding various initiations they may strive for and the power that is sought. (Further time to contemplate this subject may be added to other times and segments of the weekend subject matter.)

Saturday Night:

NDE viewing of a film Brant Jackson will bring in regard to an outstanding account. Extra time may also be available for bringing up previously discussed topics or of those to come.

Sunday Morning:

6. Your God is too Small - When Bad Things Happen to Good

People: Our world-views are often inadequate in times of trouble. Let’s examine our own world-views and Judeo-Christian worldview, and why people often get mad at "God", and "lose their faith.” What is a Theosophist to think once they have seen the “Universe-View” and its Plan?

7. The Central Question: How Can We Develop the Christ Within Us?

A major element of HPB's Theosophical worldview was to reveal to the West the presence of the Masters and their work in the world, and to seek for them willing workers to help them in their "Great Work". The early Christians strove to be like Christ and to develop the "Christ Within Us". Regardless of label, HPB teaches that this is done only through a process of "Initiation". If you want to help with the Great Work, this is a discussion of how to do it, with the parallels to the early Christian teachings.